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ATTACHMENT 1.

WILLIAM A. EGAN, Governor

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Mr. Vincent N. Olson
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USDA Forest Service
North Tongass National Forest
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Dear Mr. Olson:

We appreciate the chance to become involved in the Forest Service Multiple Use planning process. The following is a commentary on the preliminary draft of the North Tongass Multiple Use plan with suggestions for management of these areas. We would also hope to be involved in subsequent field study and planning of these units.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Blum
Chief, Habitat Section

cc: Wallace H. Noerenberg
Governor's Office
Charles Yates

Important Sport Fishing and Recreational
Areas Which Were Not Specifically Included
In Either The Management or Planning Units

Chatham Ranger District:

Turner Lake Area - This 2900 acre lake is readily available to Juneau anglers. The lake has an excellent population of cutthroat trout plus Kokanee and Dolly Varden. A 1/2-mile trail at the lake outlet leads to saltwater where anadromous species are ~~reported~~ available. The scenic value of the lake is outstanding. Bears and mountain goats are often observed at the lake shore. There are two recreational cabins with boats on the lake.

The already high recreational value of this area will undoubtedly increase in the future as the population center of Juneau and the surrounding areas continue to expand. As a result we feel this area should be studied for classification as a dispersed recreation area under Federal Regulation U-3(a).

Sitka Ranger District:

Lake Eva - This system contains the largest known population of "over-wintering" Dolly Varden. This is one of three bays in the 50 miles of Peril Straits that has not yet experienced logging activity. In addition to Dolly Varden, the system supports all species of salmon except king. Cutthroat and steelhead trout are available. The watershed has been the location of intensive fishery research by the ADF&G and has also been utilized to film a television documentary. A large cabin is located on the outlet and a boat is available at the lake.

This is also one of the last remaining major unlogged watersheds on Peril Straits.

• Due to research conducted, detailed information on the numbers